Michigan State Police

Crash Advisory # 2

Reporting Fatal Crashes

All fatals must be reported to the Michigan State Police, East Lansing Operations (ELOP) via the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN). The format shown in Appendix C, of the UD-10 Instruction Manual (2004 Edition) must be used for this reporting procedure.

In crashes involving fatalities, the "Fatal" bubble in the Special Checks section on the UD-10 Traffic Crash Report, and the "K" bubble in the Injury Severity Classification section, **must be filled in.**

While there is no state law requiring the reporting of non-traffic crashes other than snowmobiles and ORV's, the State of Michigan requests that **all fatal non-traffic crashes** be reported via the UD-10 Traffic Crash Report and the LEIN Fatal Crash Notification.

Must Blood be Drawn on ALL Deceased Drivers?

Michigan law requires blood to be drawn on ALL DECEASED DRIVERS to determine the amount of alcohol or presence of a controlled substance in the decedents's blood. Failure to draw blood on a deceased driver simply because an officer believes the driver's blood is void of alcohol or a controlled substance is in violation of Michigan law. The law requires the same for deceased train engine operators. Please adhere to the requirements of this law and submit test results via the UD-10 and/or to the Fatal Accident Reporting System as soon as they are available. Alcohol/Drug usage is not recorded in approximately 40% of all fatal crashes reported via the UD-10. This information is critical to Michigan, to allow the state the ability to accurately report the level of alcohol involvement in fatal crashes. You may report test results to Lori Salters at (517) 322-6910 or Lorie Sierra at (517) 322-5030.

Blood Alcohol Testing Kits

You may order blood alcohol test kits from Michigan State Police, Forensic Science Division. Your request must be in writing and faxed to (517) 322-6100; these kits will be sent to you via U.S. Postal Service.

Please Distribute to All Personnel Who Complete or Review Traffic Crash Reports